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doubts as to whether another employee's continued eligibility for access to classified information is clearly consistent with the national security, and other matters necessary to the administration of the Executive Orders, the implementing regulations of the ISOO, and this part.

§ 17.12 Component head responsibilities.

The head of each component shall appoint and oversee a Security Programs Manager to implement this regulation. The Security Programs Managers shall:

- (a) Observe, enforce, and implement security regulations or procedures pertaining to the classification, declassification, safeguarding, handling, and storage of classified national security information;
- (b) Report violations of the provisions of this regulation to the Department Security Officer;
- (c) Ensure that all employees acquire adequate security education and training as required by the provisions of the Department security regulations and procedures for classified information;
- (d) Continuously review the requirements for personnel access to classified information as a part of the continuous need-to-know evaluation, and initiate action to administratively withdraw or reduce the level of access authorized, as appropriate; and
- (e) Cooperate fully with any request from the Department Security Officer for assistance in the implementation of this part.

§ 17.13 National Security Division; interpretation of Executive Orders.

- (a) The Assistant Attorney General for National Security or a designee shall represent the Attorney General at interagency meetings on matters of general interest concerning national security information.
- (b) The Assistant Attorney General for National Security shall provide advice and interpretation on any issues that arise under Executive Orders 12958 and 12968 and shall refer such questions to the Office of Legal Counsel, as appropriate.
- (c) Any request for interpretation of Executive Order 12958 or Executive

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Order 12968, pursuant to section 6.1(b) of Executive Order 12958, and section 7.2(b) of Executive Order 12968, shall be referred to the Assistant Attorney General for National Security, who shall refer such questions to the Office of Legal Counsel, as appropriate.

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§ 17.14 Department Review Committee.

(a) The Department Review Committee (DRC) is established to:

- (1) Resolve all issues, except those related to the compromise of classified information, that concern the implementation and administration of Executive Order 12958, implementing directives from the ISOO, and subpart B of this part, including those issues concerning over-classification, failure to declassify, classification challenges, and delays in declassification not otherwise resolved;
- (2) Review all appeals from denials of requests for records made under section 3.6 of Executive Order 12958 and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), when the proposed denial is based on their continued classification under Executive Order 12958;
- (3) Recommend to the Attorney General appropriate administrative sanctions to correct the abuse or violation of any provision of Executive Order 12958, the implementing directives or subpart B of this part, except as it relates to the compromise of classified national security information; and
- (4) Review, on appeal, challenges to classification actions and mandatory review requests.
 - (b)(1) The DRC shall consist of a senior representative designated by the:
 - (i) Deputy Attorney General;
 - (ii) Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel;
 - (iii) Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division;
 - (iv) Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division;
 - (v) Assistant Attorney General for National Security;
 - (vi) Assistant Attorney General for Administration; and
 - (vii) Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.
 - (2) Each such official shall also designate in writing an alternate to serve